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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1)

Case No.	ANTICIPATED CLASSIFICATION OF THIS APPLICATION		PRIOR APPLICATION EXAMINER	ART UNIT
	CLASS	SUBCLASS		
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This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1), of pending prior application number 09/930,896, filed on August 15, 2001, entitled APPARATUS FOR REDUCING TENSION VARIATIONS IN A METAL STRIP.

- ☒ Copy Of the Prior application, including 7 sheets of drawings and 21 pages of Application (including title page).
- ☒ Copy of the Declaration filed in the Prior application.
- ☒ PTO Form 1449 and Information Disclosure Statement.


CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	24 - 20 =	4	x \$ 18 =	\$72
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	3 - 3 =	0	x \$ 84 =	\$
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+ \$280 =	\$
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))	\$ 750
				Total of above Calculations =	\$822
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)				\$
				TOTAL =	\$822

- ☒ Applicant is:
☐ a small entity
☒ other than a small entity.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ to cover the filing fees.
- ☐ Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application and otherwise enter the attached preliminary amendment before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).
- ☒ The inventor(s) of the invention being claimed in this application is(are): Michael CLARK and Anthony MARPLES.
- ☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application: _____.

10. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This application is a ☒ continuation ☐ division of application number 09/930,896, filed August 15, 2001, (pending), which is hereby incorporated by reference herein."
11. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.
12. ☒ Priority of foreign application number 0020160.8, filed on August 17, 2000 in Great Britain is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- ☒ The certified copy has been filed in prior application number 09/930,896, filed August 15, 2001.
13. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
14. ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to _____.
15. ☐ Also enclosed: _____.
16. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to: Daniel B. Schein and other attorneys at the firm of BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE.
- a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. ☒ Address all future correspondence to: (may only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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☐ Assignee of complete interest
☒ Attorney or agent of record
☐ Filed under 37 CFR 1.34(a)
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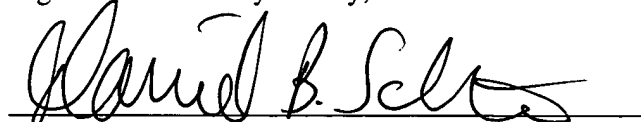
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RE: Our Ref: 11168-4
New Utility Patent Application Entitled: APPARATUS FOR REDUCING
TENSION VARIATIONS IN A METAL STRIP
Inventor(s): Michael CLARK and Anthony MARPLES
(Continuation of U.S. patent application ser. no. 09/930,896, filed August 15, 2001)

- (1) Request for Filing a Continuing Patent Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.153(b)(1);
- (2) Copy of the prior application, including 7 sheets of drawings and 21 pages of application (including the title page);
- (3) Copy of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the prior application;
- (4) Copy of the two PTO Form 1449 and Information Disclosure Statements filed in the prior application; and
- (5) two (2) return receipt postcards.

Signed this 10th day of July, 2003.



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